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## OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES 2008 INITIATIVES

LANSING – The Office of Racing Commissioner, ORC, today unveiled its set of initiatives for 2008. In September of 2008, Michigan will celebrate 75 years of pari-mutuel horseracing. As such, the ORC has spent time reviewing the past and developing goals for the future.

“Integrity remains our priority,” said Commissioner Christine C. White, “We have spent the last couple of years improving the controls over the integrity of horseracing in Michigan and will now build on that foundation.”

The ORC will focus its efforts on:

1. Promoting the horseracing industry throughout various sectors and avenues, with a focus on celebrating 75 years of pari-mutuel horseracing in Michigan;
2. Working with race tracks, horsemen associations, racing fans and equine groups to maintain the viability of Michigan racing;
3. Reviewing and updating the ORC Administrative Rules to improve Michigan's competitive position among other racing jurisdictions;
4. Using technology in a more efficient manner through ORC program areas of licensing, investigations and horse health initiatives;
5. Developing policies and amending existing procedures to better serve State government, the Office and the licensees.

The Office of Racing Commissioner is the official state agency charged with regulating, promoting and serving the horse racing industry in Michigan. During 2008, Michigan horse racing will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of pari-mutuel horse racing in our State. For more information about upcoming events, the five pari-mutuel horse race tracks, racing schedules and Michigan horse racing, visit [www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing).

*Michigan Horse Racing - Winning for 75 Years*

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